

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11 and 12 are in the application. Independent claims 1, and 6 are amended. Claims 11 and 12 are new.

The rejection of independent claims 1 and 6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiSalvo et al (6,246,558) in view of Halbeck (4002,951) and Knecht et al (5,635,690) is traversed.

In our invention, see Figs. 31 and 32, the receptacle is tripped when a plug is inserted into the receptacle, and again when the plug is removed from the receptacle. In addition to being tripped when a plug is inserted into and removed from the receptacle, the GFCI is tripped mechanically.

See Page 26 of the application where it is stated that "Fig. 31 illustrates the relationship and position of the trigger arm, projection on the trigger arm and sliding arm when a plug is in a socket; and Fig. 32 illustrates this relationship when a plug is removed from the receptacle of a GFCI. It is to be noted that, see Fig. 31, when a plug is inserted into a GFCI, the receptacle will trip the GFCI mechanically. In Fig. 32, as the plug is removed it will again trip the GFCI mechanically,..." (Underscoring added for emphasis).

None of the references disclose or even suggest the structure which we disclose and now positively recite in our independent claims that , each time a user unplugs or inserts a plug into the receptacle face of a GFCI, a mechanical mechanism within the device causes the GFCI to trip, forcing the user to press the reset button before power can be restored.

Amended independent claims 1 and 6 clearly avoid the art of record by now positively reciting the structure of "...the switch means is operated by a prong of a plug, so that both insertion of a plug into a receptacle in the housing and removal of a plug from a receptacle in the housing is effective to cause said electrical discontinuity...".

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.


Early and favorable reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for the amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1561 of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

In the event that an extension of time is required to make this amendment timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this amendment timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit an overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 50-1561 of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 8, 2007

  
Paul J. Sutton  
Registration Number 24,201  
Attorney for Applicants  
Tel: (212) 801-2108  
Fax: (212) 801-6400

GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP  
200 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10166